

Proper Disposal of Latex Paint

Latex paint is a water-based material and considered a non-hazardous waste. Latex paint is **NOT** accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Latex Paint Tips

- Buy only what you need to get the job done.
 - Retailers can help you calculate how much paint you need.
- Use up what you have by applying another coat.
- If you have a lot remaining, give it to someone who can use it.
 - Friends
 - Relatives
 - Neighbors
 - Churches
 - Theater groups
 - Schools
 - Recreation departments or community organizations.

If you can't use it all or give it away, you can include it in your household trash but..

it must be completely HARDENED or DRIED!

How to Harden or Dry Latex Paint

- Remove the lid from the paint can, in a well ventilated and safe area away from children, animals, and weather elements.

Depending on the amount of latex paint please choose one of the following:

Paint Cans - 1/4 or less full

- Simply remove the lid and place the can in a safe, well-ventilated area.
- Cans 1/4 or less will dry in a few days.
- Leave the container open to air dry.
- Add kitty-litter, sawdust, or another absorbent to the liquid paint to aid in the drying process.

Paint Cans more than 1/4 full

- Line a cardboard box with a plastic bag (make sure there are no holes), pour the paint into the bag and let dry for at least three days until completely dry. Close up the bag and it can be thrown away.
- Visit your local hardware store and purchase paint hardeners. Follow the directions on the label. Normally takes 30 minutes to 1 hour to harden paint.

Once the paint is completely hardened or dry put both the lids and lidless cans into a plastic trash bag along with your regular household trash.